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Sir:

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International Search Report dated May 25, 2004 issued in International Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/14548 of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

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**STATEMENT OF CUMULATIVE INFORMATION**

U.S. published patent application No. U.S. 2003/101674A1 corresponds to WO 03/025307.

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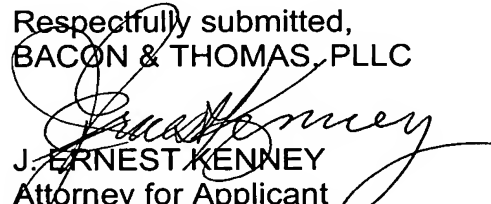
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